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## Biographical Notes

**Adrija Ghosh** is a student of law in her penultimate year (fourth year) of undergraduate studies, at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata (NUJS). She has a keen interest in the subject areas of international law, constitutional law, human rights and gender justice. Specifically, she wishes to be able to use her legal training to spur effective rights-based interventions, through advocacy and research.

Apart from her academic commitments, she has been actively involved with the co-curricular activity of mooting and has represented her University and has received awards at three international moot court competitions, namely, RMLNU International Media Law Moot Court Competition (2017), Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition (2018), International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition (2019). In these moots, she was required to argue problems that have dealt with issues pertaining to public international law, human rights and international criminal law. She has also explored various aspects of public law through her internships with the Hon'ble Justice Chandrachud (Supreme Court of India), Mr. K.K. Venugopal (Attorney General of India) and the Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy and Governance (National Law University, Delhi). Through these experiences in moots and internships, she has been able to further her research interests.

In addition, she has been a Junior Associate member of the NUJS Law Review and has co-authored two academic papers that have been published in the said journal. She has also held positions of responsibility at University and is currently serving as the Director of 'Society for International Law and Policy' and the NUJS Chapter of the 'Students Collective for Public Interest Litigation'. She has previously been the Co-Convenor of the NUJS Moot Court Society (2018-2019) and a member of the Legal Aid Society at NUJS. In December 2019, she was also invited to deliver a lecture to undergraduate students of the Department of Philosophy at a college under the aegis of the University of Calcutta, for a skill enhancement course titled 'Logic and the Law'.

**Ahmed Khudida Burjus** is the deputy executive director of Yazda Global NGO and the co-founder of Yazda-UK and Yazda-Germany. For over 3 years, Burjus worked as senior advisor to the Yazidi activist, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and UNODC Goodwill Ambassador Nadia Murad for whom he manages some of the most crucial aspects of her global advocacy campaign. He also managed Nadia Murad's Initiative for over 2 years. Although Burjus holds a master degree in immunology and allergy from faculty of medicine and health science/ University of Nottingham and a bachelor degree in biological sciences, he has been very active advocate in humanitarian and human rights fields in past 10 years. Burjus born in Sinjar, Iraq and has worked as an Executive Director for Smoqi Charity organisation in Sinjar-Iraq for over three years. Ahmed has also worked as a Biomedical technician in Azadi hospital in Duhok, Iraq and as Associate Practitioner in University hospital of Nottingham for 4 months but he left his last work and began working full-time to advocate for the rights of victims of genocide and sexual slavery. Burjus's motivation is to support the victims of the Yazidi genocide, raise awareness of the desperate situation of all vulnerable minorities in Iraq and Syria and the needs for protection.

**Alice Lopes Fabris** is a PhD candidate at the ENS Paris-Saclay, Institut des sciences sociales du Politique. She is studying the notion of crimes against cultural heritage and its reparation in International Law, with a PhD Scholarship from CAPES-Brazil. She holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG). She lived five years at the Historic Town of Ouro Preto (State of Minas Gerais, Brazil), a World Heritage Site, where she started to have an interest in the protection of cultural heritage. In High School, she participated in a project, promoted by the UFMG and the city of Belo Horizonte (capital of the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil), which included a program that aimed to promote awareness for the protection of cultural heritage among students of high and middle schools in Belo Horizonte. At the Law School of the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, she followed a study group on International Law and became an undergraduate research assistant. In both programs she started to research the protection of cultural heritage in International Law. She published her undergraduate dissertation, "A Proteção internacional de bens culturais em conflitos armados: limites e extensões", at *Derecho del Arte: Anuario Iberoamericano* in 2017. She also studied other topics of Cultural Heritage Law as the cooperation south-south for the return of cultural property and the cultural rights of indigenous communities in Brazil.

**Aleisha Ebrahimi** is a PhD Candidate at University College London, Faculty of Laws. Aleisha's research focuses on gender equality and legislative attempts to eradicate Gender Based Violence in post-conflict countries. Aleisha's research, which has an empirical component, critically considers the adequacy of the criminal justice system and international human rights law to address Gender Based Violence when such violence is conceptualised as a violation of fundamental rights, as recognised within both legal frameworks. In this regard, Tunisia's recent gender equality legislation serves as a case study within the context of the post-Arab Spring era. Aleisha holds an LLB in European Law having studied in both France, for a Licence en Droit Européen, and the UK. She also holds an LLM in Transnational Law (Distinction) from King's College London. She completed the Bar Professional Training Course in 2012 at BPP University and was Called to the Bar as a Lord Lowry scholar. She is a member of the Honourable Society of Middle Temple. Aleisha is presently on a career break from Her Majesty's Government in order to undertake her PhD research and will return upon completion of her PhD. Prior to joining the Civil Service, Aleisha assisted with Amnesty International's work on the United Nations 2015 Sustainable Development Goals and spent six months at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in

London during the peak of the Syrian refugee crisis in 2013. Aleisha is a Teaching Fellow at UCL as well as being a Teaching Associate at Queen Mary. She teaches Public Law at both Law Faculties. Aleisha is on the Executive Committee of Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights and is on the Board of Trustees for the Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation.

**Allison McClelland** is a public law litigator with experience working in legal, security and foreign policy and advocacy for States, think tanks and international organisations in Europe, Asia and Australia. Allison holds an LLM specialising in Public International Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a BA/LLB (Hons) from the University of Queensland, Australia.

**Alec Thompson** is an undergraduate studying law in his final year at Cambridge. He grew up in Scotland and America, spending his time split across the two nations. His main interests are legal history and legal anthropology, though international law is also close to his heart. Particular topics include the influence of the *jus commune* on the English legal system; studies on alternative legal systems throughout history, such as Somalian and Somaliland law; and the law of space exploration. Past research experience includes volunteering at a Scottish family law clinic, preparing a paper on Brexit's impact on international family law; presenting a paper at the Young Legal Historians Conference 2019; and running the undergraduate law blog. His most recent work investigates the law which spontaneously forms within massively online multiplayer games (MMO), focusing on the way the laws of nature alter the content and structure of the law.

**Ayesha Shahid** is an Assistant Professor in Law at Coventry University, United Kingdom. Her research interests are broadly in the area of international human rights law (gender, migration and informal labour) and Islamic family law (post-divorce maintenance rights for Muslim women, child rights and Islamic family law in the West). Her monograph *Silent Voices, Untold Stories: Women Domestic Workers in Pakistan and their Struggle for Empowerment* has been published by the Oxford University Press in 2010. She has recently edited a book on the history of International law and Islam with Prof Ignacio De La Rasilla, I Rasilla and A. Shahid, (2018) *International Law and Islam: Historical Explorations*, (Brill/Nijhoff). Ayesha is also the Editor in Chief of the *Asian Yearbook of International Human Rights and Humanitarian law*. She has carried out research projects for Asia Foundation, International Labour Organisation, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law. In 2016-2017 Ayesha was International Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute where she conducted her research on Muslim women's rights to post-divorce maintenance in Pakistan and Iran. She is also a recipient of the Warwick Postgraduate Research Fellowship Award and International Research Fellowship Award by the Center for Human Rights, Columbia University.

**Barbora Brederova** is an archaeologist currently employed as a core team member at L-P Archaeology in London. Her first contribution to the field of antiquities trafficking was her undergraduate dissertation, in which she analysed the looting of archaeological sites and museums during recent conflicts in Iraq and Egypt and emphasised the demand for ancient arts as one of the major stimuli for not only theft but also counterfeiting. The study won the Best Dissertation Award and was nominated nationally for the Royal Undergraduate Dissertation Prize, on the basis of which she received an Academic Excellence Scholarship for the International Cultural Heritage Law course in Geneva. Since then she has

collaborated with Dr Donna Yates on her research project Stolen Gods, focusing on the intentional damage and theft of sacred objects across the globe. Barbora was appointed by the American Numismatic Society to investigate the online sale of Roman and Greek coins with questionable legitimacy. In the course of the research, she developed a methodology for the online investigation of the illicit trade of antiquities that she employed throughout her Master's and continues to develop to this day. As a Research Advisor for the Countering the Looting of Antiquities in Syria and Iraq (CLASI) project, she trained a team of researchers in investigation techniques, provided expert opinion, and helped to identify leads. Barbora's work puts a strong emphasis on the impact of the destruction of cultural sites on modern identities and human wellbeing, as well as on the social and economic benefits that an ethical and sustainable consumption of heritage can have.

**Beatriz Barreiro Carril** has a Ph.D in Human Rights (Carlos III University, Madrid), and a Master in Law of the European Union (Free University of Brussels). She is Lecturer of International Law Rey Juan Carlos University, Madrid. Beatriz is interested in the links between International Law and other Social Sciences and Humanities as well as in applied research with a particular focus on human rights – especially cultural rights–. She has specialized in International Law of Culture, with a special focus in Cultural Diversity -including the debate Culture/Commerce- and Tangible and Intangible Heritage, as well as in Indigenous Communities Rights and the Right to Development. She was a guest researcher of the Department of Law & Anthropology (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle), visiting researcher at the Institute of Public International and European Law (University of Gottingen) and at the Centre of Ethics of the University of Toronto. She is an observer of the UNESCO Committee of Cultural Diversity and member of the Observatory Diversity and Cultural Rights (Fribourg University). She has participated in relevant international conferences including UNESCO Conferences. She currently directs the project A Tunisian-Spanish bridge for counteracting violent extremism and xenophobia through the right to take part in cultural life\_which is financed by the European Cultural Foundation and is being carried out in the context of the association ConArte International. She also coordinates a research on biodiversity and cultural life for the OEI.

She is the director together with Andrzej Jakubowski and Lucas Lixinski of the Interest Group of International Law of Culture (European Society of International Law). Recent publications include Cultural Rights for a Tunisian-Spanish Bridge Analysis and Reflections on Human Rights and Diversity in times of Growing Human Mobility directed together with Gemma Carbó; *How Can China Influence the Transatlantic Governance of Cultural Products in the Digital Age?* The Journal of World Investment & Trade, Vol 19, 2018, *Conversations About Indigenous Peoples and Adjudication Interviews with G. Bennet, and S. Corry Erasmus Law Review*, Vol. 11, No.01, 2018, and a contribution to *The Wroclaw Commentaries: Culture and Human Rights.*(De Gruyter, 2016)

**Ben Stanford** is an Assistant Professor in Law at Coventry University, having joined in January 2017 after completing his PhD which examined counter-terrorism executive orders and the right to a fair trial in the UK. He mainly teaches Human Rights and Civil Liberties, International Criminal Law, and Constitutional and Administrative Law. His current research primarily focuses on matters of democracy and political rights, in particular free speech, protest and the right to vote, and also domestic counter-terrorism issues. He has published widely in these areas in journals such as Public Law, the European Human Rights Law Review, Questions of International Law and the Asian Yearbook of Human Rights

and Humanitarian Law. Ben is also an Associate Editor for the Asian Yearbook of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. He has previously worked for several NGOs such as Rights Watch (UK) and Peace Brigades International (UK), and he has previously served on the Young Lawyers Committee of the Human Rights Lawyers Association.

**Devashree Tulankar** is Lawyer based in Mumbai, India. She received her Master's Degree in Public International Law from Queen Mary University, London in 2016. She has worked as an Associate with a reputed law firm and has also taught International law at KC Law college, Mumbai. She presently practises as an Advocate before Bombay High Court and National Company Law Tribunal.

**Elena Perez** has a PhD in underwater cultural heritage, a LLM in international and maritime law and a MSc in heritage and museum studies. Prior to joining Royal HaskoningDHV I have worked as a field archaeologist, an independent consultant and as a researcher and lecturer in the UK, Australia, Spain and Germany. My diverse and multidisciplinary education and experience has given me a detailed understanding of many aspects of cultural heritage including heritage management, legislation and policy, museology and the organisation of collections and antiquities, with a primary focus on underwater archaeology. I am frequently invited to present at conferences and have published in various specialist heritage journals, including authoring the book *Underwater Cultural Heritage: Ethical concepts and Practical challenges* (Routledge, 2019). I am currently part of the organizing committee of the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Underwater Cultural Heritage and chair of the Underwater Cultural Heritage Politics, Laws, Ethics and Values session. As an underwater cultural heritage expert, I understand the importance of preserving our common heritage and regularly draw upon my experience in legislation and ethics to provide advice on the management of change in the coastal and marine historic environment. This includes the development of protocols and mitigation strategies to provide an appropriate balance between the use and preservation of cultural heritage, as part of the wider planning system.

**Hazel Barrett** is a human geographer who undertook her degree at the University of Sussex in the School of African and Asian Studies. She then moved to the University of Birmingham to undertake her MA and PhD in West African Studies. Her main areas of research are the socioeconomic aspects of development, in particular gender, health and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa. Over the last two decades her research has been directed at the social and economic aspects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa, in particular Kenya, Uganda, Zambia and The Gambia as well as amongst migrant groups in the UK. More recently her research has focussed on the traditional harmful practice of FGM in Africa and amongst the African diaspora in the EU. She is an internationally recognised expert on FGM. She has recently extended her interests to research with South Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda who have suffered torture and/or SGBV. This research has focussed on the experiences and service responses to both men and women survivors living in refugee settlements. In addition she has set up social enterprises with survivors of torture and/or SGBV in three refugee settlements in Northern Uganda to evaluate how such community activities can improve livelihoods and improve mental health. She also has been working with Irise (Sheffield based NGO) to research and evaluate the social and behavioural issues associated with WASH and MHM in rural Uganda. She has undertaken training with Irise staff and community members in Uganda as well as the East African WASH Network. She is a specialist on participatory action methods and community-based participatory research including, PEER

and arts-based activities, and has published refereed papers on these methodologies. She has published books and chapters on health and development issues and has over 40 refereed articles to her name. In 1998 she was promoted to Reader in Development Geography and in 2006 she was conferred a Chair in Development Geography. She was President of the Geographical Association (2013-14). In 2015 she was named as one of London's 1000 Most influential People for her internationally recognised research on FGM and in 2018 was awarded a Global Woman award by the PEACE Foundation (USA) for her education and training work on FGM.

**Helen Liebling** holds a B.Sc. (Hons.) University College of Swansea, RGN, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham M.Phil. Edinburgh University, M.Sc. Liverpool University and a PhD from University of Warwick. Helen has carried out research with survivors of conflict and post-conflict sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and torture including refugees, in the African continent and United Kingdom since 1998. Helen has worked in Uganda, Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Liberia, and South Africa. She has numerous journal publications and two books (Liebling-Kalifani, 2009; Liebling & Baker, 2010). Helen has provided consultancies, training and interventions to improve support for survivors of conflict sexual and gender-based violence and torture in conjunction with African organisations including Women's International Peace Centre, Kampala, Uganda. Helen was invited as an expert panel member to help plan a five year international research agenda on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in conflict settings. She is also an invited member of the Tearfund/SVRI steering group on the role of faith-based organisations in preventing conflict SGBV and a member of the Healing in Harmony Advisory Board, which has evaluated the impact on women conflict survivors' health following participation in a music therapy programme. Helen has recently worked on British Academy/Leverhulme and Enterprise-funded research projects with South Sudanese refugee survivors of SGBV and torture living in refugee settlements northern Uganda.

**Ibrahim Aljazy** holds a PhD in International Law from School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and a Masters Degree from the University of Essex ,UK. He is an international lawyer and enjoys extensive practical expertise in the areas of public international law, human rights issues, environmental law, law of seas, humanitarian law, international arbitration and anti- corruption. Professor Aljazy is the President of the International Law Association Jordanian Branch, Board Member of the Jordanian IHL Commission. In 2011 - 2012, Prof. Ibrahim Aljazy served as a Minister of State for Legal Affairs and Minister of Justice. In 2013- 2014 Prof. Aljazy was appointed as an assistant for the president of the University, Amman Arab University and Dean of the School of Law. In 2014- 2016 Prof. Ibrahim Aljazy was appointed as the Dean of the School of Law at University of Jordan. In 2016- 2017 he served as Executive Director of the Rule of Law and Anti Corruption Centre, Doha.

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Ambassador. She founded an initiative named We Need to Talk in 2016, which aims to empower rural women in Turkey -specifically, seasonal agricultural worker women, pre-teens who are living in remote rural areas and Syrian refugees- through providing them access to sanitary materials and destroying the stigma around menstruation. She was recently chosen as one of the members of the Beijing +25 Global Youth Task Force led by UN Women. Her academic interests are international human rights law, business and human rights, gender equality, sustainable development, women's sexual and reproductive rights, and youth rights.

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**Jia Wang** is a PhD researcher at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway. She holds a bachelor in law and a master in international law from the Harbin Institute of Technology in China. She had interned with the Defence Team for lengThirith in 2010 at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She is currently completing her doctoral thesis titled 'Revolution and International Criminal Law: the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia'. Her research interest covers international criminal law, human rights, transitional justice and Chinese policies and initiatives in the field of global governance.

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**John Vincent T. Castro** completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Art Management, at Ateneo de Manila University. He is finishing his Juris Doctor degree at Ateneo Law School. He studied International Human Rights Law at University of Malaya, Human Rights in Asia at Seoul National University, and Cultural Heritage Law at Université de Genève. He has served as a research consultant for International Union for Conservation of Nature, TanggolKalikasan, and Presidential Commission on Good Government and has worked on projects involving the United States Agency for International Development and the United Nations Development Program. He helps several indigenous cultural communities in the Philippines. He is part of the environmental law champions network of the Asian Development Bank under its Law and Policy Reform Program. He specializes in cultural heritage law, environmental law, indigenous peoples law, and international economic law.

**Karima Bennoune** was appointed UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights in October 2015. She is Professor of Law and Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall Research Scholar at the University of California-Davis School of Law where she teaches courses on human rights and international law. Her research and writing, including on cultural rights issues, has been widely published in leading journals and periodicals. She has received numerous awards, including the Dayton Literary Peace Prize (2014) for her recent book, "Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here: Untold Stories from the Fight Against Muslim Fundamentalism." The book was based on some 300 interviews with people from 30 countries and tells the stories of people of Muslim heritage challenging extremism. The TED talk based on the book has been viewed by over 1.3 million people. Professor Bennoune has worked in the field of human rights for more than 20 years, including with governments and non-governmental organizations, and has carried out field missions, trial observation, election observation and research in many regions of the world. Professor Bennoune has also served as a consultant for UNESCO. She has frequently commented on human rights issues for the global media.



**Kristen Hopper** is a landscape archaeologist, specialising in GIS and remote sensing applications in Archaeology and has been involved in survey and excavation projects in Lebanon, Georgia, Iran, Oman, Kuwait, Syria and Spain. As part of the Endangered Archaeology of the Middle East and North Africa (EAMENA) Project at Durham University, she uses the remote sensing of aerial and satellite imagery, and data from field surveys to document threats and damages to archaeological sites across the MENA region. She has been involved in training staff from national cultural heritage agencies in Lebanon and Iraq in these methodologies and the use of the EAMENA database. Her main research interests include landscapes of Empire, archaeohydrology, and the archaeology of mobile pastoral communities in the Ancient Near East, South Caucasus and Central Asia.

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**Makoto Shimada** is a lawyer admitted to the bar in Japan in April 1981. He majored law at Keio University, obtained judicial qualification and then studied at University College London where he was given master of law degree in 1986. Since 2004, he has been a professor of law at Keio University Law School where he teaches art business law, English commercial law, legal practices of civil litigation, commercial arbitration and negotiation, and he chairs the committee of international dispute resolution. He is also an honorary visiting professor at City Law School, City, University of London. Prior to the

above appointment he practiced international commercial law and dispute resolutions at several law firms, including Nagashima, Ohno&Tsunematsu in Tokyo (1981-1985) and Norton Rose Fulbright in London (1986-1989). He is a member of The Daiichi Tokyo Bar Association, Union International des Avocats, The Institute of Art and Law (Diploma in Art Profession Law and Ethics) and Chartered Institute of Arbitration (FCIArb). The area of his present interest is arbitration in art and cultural heritage. His recent publications in English include *Nintendo v. MariCar: Is go-kart rental business free riding on the video game 'Mario Kart' characters prohibited in Japan?*, *Interactive Entertainment Law Review* 2019 Vol. 2 No. 1, *Legal Aspects of Special Exhibitions at Museums in Japan*, *Art Antiquity and Law*, Vol. 26 Issue 3 July 2018, *Termination of a Continuous Contract and Good Faith Under Japanese and English Law*, *Keio Law Journal* No. 38 September 2017, and *Japan's Law for Protection of Cultural Properties and the Great Earthquake of 2011*, *Art Antiquity and Law*, Vol. 20 Issue 1 April 2015.

**Mike Hardy** is the Executive Director of the Centre for Trust Peace and Social Relations. From 1995, he was a senior leader with the British Council responsible for the Council's global programme for Intercultural Dialogue, youth engagement and global strategic partnerships. Professor Hardy is an applied economist by training and was Head of Economics and Public Policy at Leeds Metropolitan University before moving to a Chair in International Business at the University of Central Lancashire. His policy and research work in economics focused on local jobs plans and skills for development in local labour markets. In 1995, following work with the UK Government, British Council and European Commission, Mike moved full time to British Council to develop international work in intercultural relations. Following overseas postings in the Arab world and Asia, he was appointed to frame and lead British Council's global programme in intercultural dialogue. Through his leadership British Council's work worldwide increased its emphasis on working with difference and with inter- and intra-community relations. His particular interest was with disconnected and underemployed young people particularly those affected by conflict and rapid change. His £34 million annual portfolio included British Council's international work with schools and skills, networks of young global citizens and capacity development within civil societies worldwide as well as supporting partnerships which help conflict and post-conflict contexts and people and communities in fragile states. In his leadership role he was active in evaluations and policy advocacy in international affairs and public diplomacy. As a thought leader at British Council he managed the corporate relationship with the World Bank and the World Bank Institute, the UK Department for International Development, and United Nations Alliance of Civilisation, Between 1997 and 2004 with the Palestinian Welfare Association, Mike led the innovative World Bank funded 'Support to Non-governmental Organisations in the Palestinian Territories and prepared a major evaluation of Palestinian public sector management and the role of the Ministry of Planning and International Co-operation of the then Palestinian National Authority for UK DfID. Other major evaluations include UK public administration reform programmes in Cameroon (1995) EU technical assistance programmes in Siberia (1997), Tension Monitoring in pre-election Kenya (with University of Nairobi, 2012). In 2011, for Coventry University, Mike led the significant Safer Belfast Cohesion Mapping Project in partnership with the Belfast Community Safety Partnership and following this evaluation designed and launched a capacity enhancement programme on community-led Tension Monitoring in Belfast. In 2009, Mike was appointed as lead expert for 'Identity' for the Vodafone-sponsored new Future-Agenda Initiative. He was invited to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, 2011, Davos-Klosters. He continues to contribute to conferences, global discussions and applied research in intercultural dialogue, and cultural diversity. Mike has been active within the UN Alliance of Civilization organisation and led an active network session on the role of higher education in managing diversity at the Doha Forum in December

2011. In 2012 He was appointed as special adviser to the Government of Azerbaijan and led the design of the 2013 World Forum held in Baku. He was invited to speak at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale in October 2013, and is part of the leadership team for the new Coventry University Research Centre: Trust, Transformations and Peace. Mike was awarded the OBE in 2001 for his work in the Middle East, and was appointed a Companion of Honour of St Michael and St George (CMG) in the Queen's Birthday Honours June 2010 for his work internationally in Intercultural Dialogue.

**Niloufar Omid** completed her PhD in International Human Rights Law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, School of Law in NUI Galway. Her doctoral thesis is titled "Peoples' Right to Peace: Enforcement through International Law Instruments". This PhD project advances a methodology to establish a "right to peace", and provides a conceptual-legal framework for this right through an international legal lens. It also lays a philosophical groundwork for the right to peace, and explores and develops a mechanism through which this right can be implemented.

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